

(Supplemental amendment)

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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A canning structure consisting of:

a ceramic honeycomb catalyst carrier structure not loaded with a catalyst;

a metal case having two opposing fully open ends; and

a non-intumescent ceramic fiber mat holding member;

the holding member being located between the case and the ceramic honeycomb catalyst carrier structure being held, fixedly holding the ceramic honeycomb catalyst carrier structure in the metal case;

~~wherein the ceramic honeycomb structure is fixed beforehand within the metal case by the holding member.~~
2. (Currently Amended) A canning structure according to claim 1, wherein the ceramic honeycomb catalyst carrier structure has cell walls thinner than 0.10 mm.
3. (Currently Amended) A canning structure according to claim 1, wherein the ceramic honeycomb catalyst carrier structure has cell walls thinner than 0.08 mm.
4. (Previously Presented) A canning structure according to claim 1, wherein the metal case has a stuffing structure.